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Passenger Profile

Name: Iva Mae Decker

Line: Hyde Street Cable

Neighborhood: Rutland, Vermont

Claim to Fame:

Oldest first-time Muni passenger at 104, with longest commute from Rutland, Vermont, to Fisherman's Wharf

Words of Wisdom:

When asked to what she attributes her longevity and energy, she replied, "Keep on moving, keep on moving, no matter how much it hurts!"

Phil Adams greeting Iva Mae Decker.

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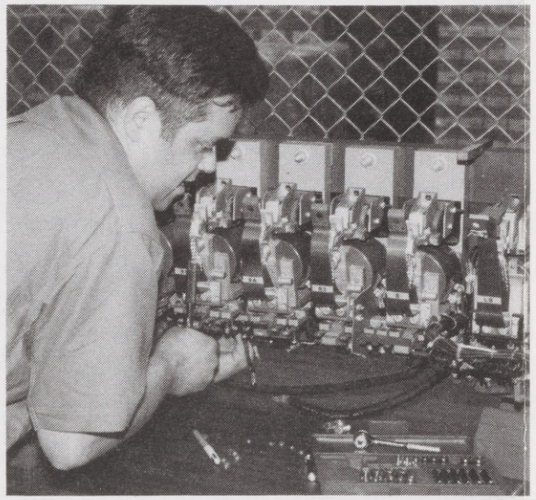
Behind the Scenes (The Other Side of Muni)

Maintenance Rail Rodeo

Against all odds, the one-man team of Muni electrical engineer, Louis Hogan, won the right to represent Muni at the American Public Transit Association's (APTA) 1996 International Rail Rodeo this summer in Atlanta. Mr. Hogan competed against four other multi-member teams at Muni's first Maintenance Rodeo. Hogan was effectively able to beat the clock and the other Muni maintenance teams in a series of complex rail maintenance events at the inaugural Maintenance Rail Rodeo.



Maintenance Rodeo Winner Louis Hogan

The 1996 Muni Maintenance Rail Rodeo was organized by Director of Public Transportation, Philip Adams, and Deputy Director of Maintenance, David Stumpo, after they returned from last year's APTA conference determined not only to compete in the 1996 APTA International Rail Rodeo, but also to win the coveted Rail Rodeo outright. Look for Mr. Hogan's results at the Olympics of public transportation maintenance in the next issue of Transit Talk.

On the Move

New Cable Car

The staff of Muni's Cable Car Division unveiled its newest cable car, car No. 52, on February 2, 1996. Car 52, part of the ongoing reconstruction of Muni's cable car fleet, is the product of the tireless efforts of Muni carpenters, electricians, machinists and painters. The reconstruction program rehabilitates Muni's historic cable cars, extending their average life cycle by another 30-35 years. If you are interested in learning more about Muni's world-famous cable cars, please visit Muni's Cable Car Museum located at 1201 Mason Street at the corner of Washington Street, or call the museum at 415/474-1887 for more information. The museum, which was recently recognized as one of the top ten free tourist attractions in the world, is open daily from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Safety Report

Crime Down on Muni

You may have recently noticed the presence of some of San Francisco's finest on Muni transit vehicles. Under the direction of Mayor Brown, and in conjunction with Muni Transit Police, San Francisco Police Department beat patrol officers are now required to ride Muni twice each shift, for at least three to five blocks. This new and innovative approach to passenger safety on public transportation is making a difference. By extending the parameters of community policing onto Muni's 80 different transit lines and 5300 transit stops, we have created a significantly safer climate for Muni's 700,000 daily riders. In fact, since the public safety program's implementation, crime on Muni has decreased by 31% over a comparable period last year. This dramatic decrease represents the combined efforts and cooperation of the Mayor's Office, SFPD and Muni, and demonstrates that by working together, San Francisco government can be responsive to the needs of its citizens.

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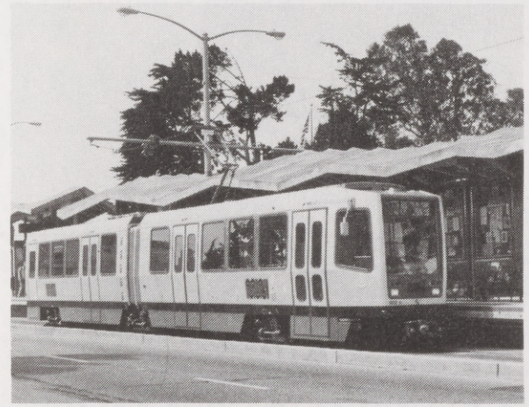
New Light Rail Vehicles on the Way

Attention Muni Metro passengers! Relief is on the way. This fall, beautiful, brand new silver and red streetcars, manufactured by Breda Costruzioni Ferroviarie of Pistoia, Italy, and assembled at Pier 80 in San Francisco, will begin service on the Muni Metro system. The Breda streetcars will provide a dramatic improvement to the Muni Metro system which has suffered considerably over the past decade because of the poor design of the Boeing streetcar. The first Breda cars will go into service on the J line. Over the next three years, 52 new cars will be riding the rails throughout San Francisco. In the coming issues of Transit Talk, we will provide further details on the arrival of the new Breda light rail fleet and other Muni Metro improvement projects.



One of Muni's new Breda streetcars

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Dear Passengers,

Welcome to Muni's new passenger newsletter, *Transit Talk*. Every two months, *Transit Talk* will deliver information on public transportation issues, and the wide array of services that Muni provides, including the implementation of public transportation policy as directed by Mayor Brown's Public Transportation Commission (PTC).

The five-member PTC, appointed by the mayor, reviews and implements programs that directly affect you. As Director of the Public Transportation Department, I am responsible for managing the day-to-day operations of Muni, reporting directly to the PTC.

When I accepted the challenge of running Muni two years ago, I did so with the knowledge that the road ahead would be rewarding and at times difficult. Fortunately, many groups are now working together to find common solutions to improving public transportation in San Francisco.

With your help and input, I believe that we have the ability and leadership to make Muni the first-class transit system it deserves to be.

These are exciting times for Muni and its passengers, and I look forward to establishing a reciprocal link of communication with you in the ensuing issues of Transit Talk. Thank you for riding Muni.

Philip H. Adams
Director of Transportation

Riding Tips

- *Always enter by the front door (except at Metro platforms)*
- *Always leave by the center or rear doors*

Joy Rides

GIANTS

1996 SEASON

With the 1996 Major League Baseball season well into its second month of action, Muni is proud to offer Giants fans a grand slam alternative to the traffic and congestion of Highway 101 on game day. So leave your traffic and parking worries behind, and enjoy a carefree commute to "root, root, root for the home team" courtesy of the Muni Ballpark Express.

Muni provides express bus service to and from 3Com Park at Candlestick Point and San Francisco. Adult fares are $5, or $2 with a valid Muni pass, for round trip service. Youth and discount fares are $3, or $2 with a valid Muni pass, and fares for children under the age of 5 are free. For more information about Muni's Ballpark Express bus services, please contact Muni at 415/673-MUNI. Please contact the Giants at 415/467-8000 for ticket information.

Facts & Figures

Did you know that ridership on Muni's 38 GEARY line (53,000) and 14 MISSION (45,000) on each weekday exceeds weekday ridership on Golden Gate Transit (34,500) and CalTrain (22,000)?

Riding the Rails

F Line Receives Award!

The F MARKET line has received an award from the California Heritage Council for keeping history alive through the preservation and utilization of its historic streetcars. The F line, featuring refurbished and restored classic streetcars, began operation last September and will eventually extend its service along the Embarcadero waterfront to Fisherman's Wharf by 1999.

One of the new F-line streetcars

The popularity of the stylish, retro PCC streetcars with both residents and tourists alike has been phenomenal. The "back to the future" streetcars have also created an exciting and nostalgic atmosphere along Market Street. "The California Heritage Council Award validates all the hard work, dedication and sacrifice of the Muni employees who made the F line possible," said Philip H. Adams, Director of Public Transportation.

Numbers You May Need

Muni Information	673-MUNI
Lost & Found	923-6168
Complaints & Commendations	923-6164
Transit Police (SFPD)	554-9290
Public Transportation Commission	923-6389

P.T.C. Update

Facts You Should Know About the S.F. Public Transportation Commission

Meeting Times:
2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month at 5:00 p.m.

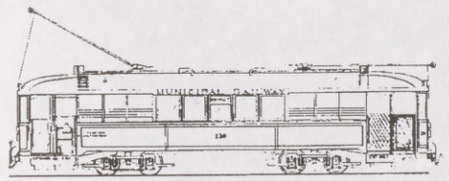
Location:
Room 428, City Hall (War Memorial Building), 401 Van Ness

Commissioners:
Rudolf Nothenberg, President
Kathleen Knox, Vice-President
H. Welton Flynn
Dennis Herrera
Andrew Sun

The PTC takes comment from the public on Muni-related public transportation matters at each meeting.

Thanks for the Memories

In April 1981, Muni began its first Historic Trolley (streetcar) Festival on Market Street, running Car 1 every other Saturday. The success of this small operation gave birth to the idea of the F MARKET Historic Streetcar line, and fueled its development.



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